

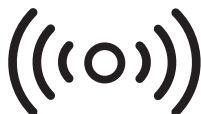
**BOGEN®**

# SPLM

DIGITAL SOUND PRESSURE  
LEVEL METER



## INSTRUCTION MANUAL



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# 1. DESCRIPTION

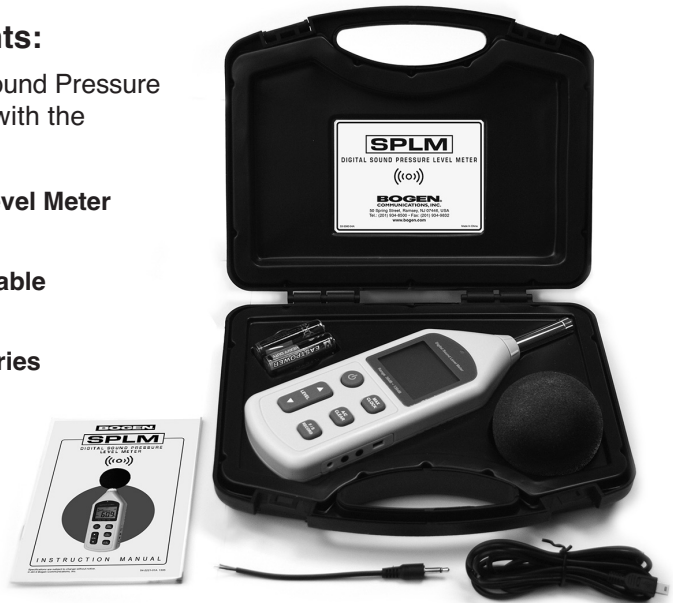
## Introduction:

The SPLM has been designed to meet the measurement requirements of audio engineers, audio installers, noise quality control, health prevention in various environments and all other noise measurement applications.

## Package Contents:

The Bogen Digital Sound Pressure Level Meter comes with the following items:

- Sound Pressure Level Meter
- Windscreen
- USB Connecting Cable
- Signal Output Wire
- 1.5V Alkaline Batteries
- Carrying Case
- Instruction Manual

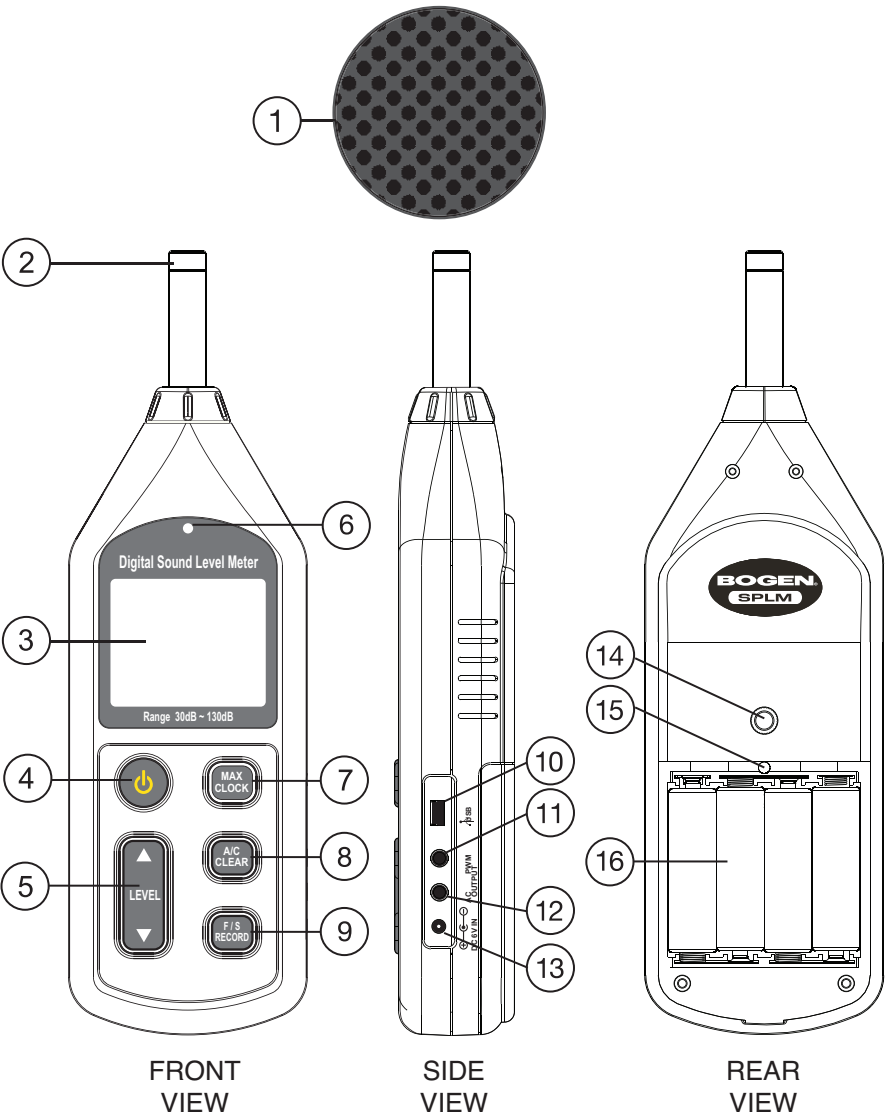


## Product Highlights:

The SPLM was designed according to IEC 651 TYPE2 and ANSI S1.4 TYPE2 standards.








- Accuracy up to +/- 1.5 dB
- Measurement range is 30 to 130 dB
- Fast/Slow Time Weighting Selection
- Automatic Backlight
- Maximum Value Hold Function
- 10-Minute Auto Power Off
- A/C Frequency Weighting Selection
- AC and PWM Signal Output
- Calendar Function
- Data Record Function
- USB Connection to PC, provides data record downloading, real-time data sampling analysis, and printing graph and data functions

# Diagram of the SPLM Unit



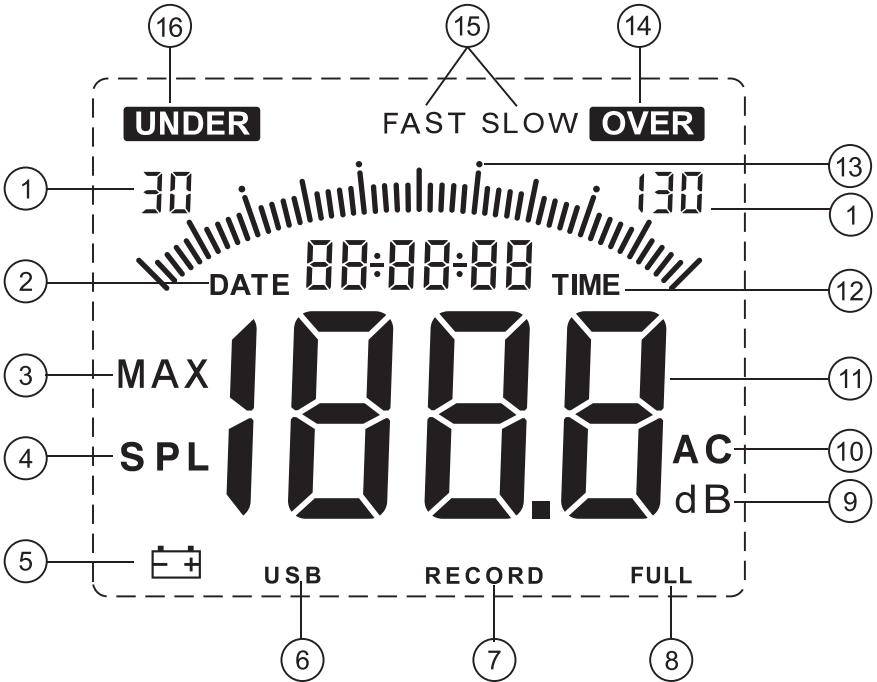
## Features of the SPLM Unit

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1. **Windscreen**- For use outdoors, prevents wind noise from affecting the SPLM reading.
2. **Condenser Microphone**
3. **LCD Display Screen**
4.  **Power Button** - Turns the SPLM Unit ON or OFF.
5.  **Level Button** - Level range selection button & setting key.
6. **Light Sensor**
7.  **MAX CLOCK Button** - Maximum value hold and date/time setting key.
8.  **A/C CLEAR Button** - Frequency weighting selection and recorded data deletion key. Press down until CLA appears on display. This will delete all the recorded data.  
*A: Weighting for general sound level measurements.*  
*C: Weighting includes the low-frequency content of noise.*
9.  **F/S RECORD Button** - Time weighting selection and data recording key. Press down until RECORD appears on display. This will enter data recording mode. Press again to exit this mode.  
*FAST (F): Displays instantaneous dB value.*  
*SLOW (S): Displays average dB value (1 second).*
10.  **USB** - USB jack.
11. **PWM** - Pulse Width Modulation output jack.
12. **AC OUT** - AC analog output jack.
13.  **DC 6V IN** - 6V DC input jack.
14. **Tripod Fixed Screw Mount**
15. **Calibration Potentiometer**
16. **Battery Compartment (with cover removed)**



# LCD Diagram & Features



## 1. Level Range Setting

2. **DATE** - Calendar Date  
(year, month, day)

3. **MAX** - Maximum SPL Value

4. **SPL** - Sound Pressure Level

5.  **Low Battery Indicator**

6. **USB** - USB Connected

7. **RECORD** - Data Recording

8. **FULL** - Data Recording Full

9. **dB** - Measurement Unit

10. **A/C** - Indicates Frequency  
Weighting, A or C

## 11. Reading Display

12. **TIME** - Calendar Clock  
(hour, minute, second)

## 13. Bar Graph

14. **OVER** Signals that the reading  
is over the maximum range.

15. **FAST / SLOW** - Indicates Time  
Weighting, Fast or Slow

16. **UNDER** Signals that the reading  
is under the minimum range.

## Specifications

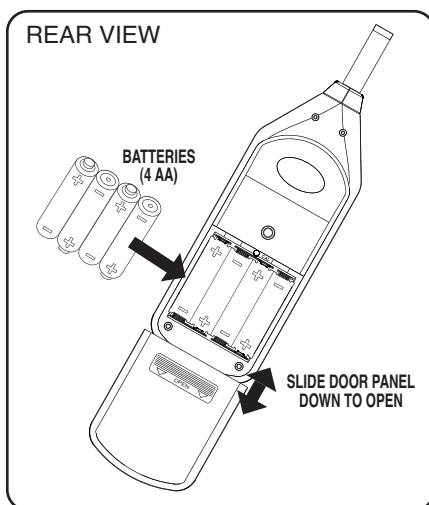
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<b>Measurement Range:</b>	30 to 130 dB A, 30 to 130 dB C
<b>Accuracy:</b>	+/- 1.5 dB (reference sound pressure standard, 94 dB @ 1 kHz)
<b>Frequency Response:</b>	31.5 Hz to 8.5 kHz
<b>Resolution:</b>	0.1 dB
<b>Measuring Level Ranges:</b>	30 to 80, 50 to 100, 60 to 110, 80 to 130, 30 to 130
<b>Dynamic Range:</b>	50 dB/100 dB
<b>Overload Indication:</b>	OVER / UNDER
<b>Frequency Weighting:</b>	A and C
<b>Digital Display:</b>	4 Digits
<b>Analog Bar Graph:</b>	1 dB / bar (2 dB/bar for 30 to 130 range)
<b>Sampling Rate:</b>	0.05 seconds
<b>AC Signal Output:</b>	4 VRMS @ full bar graph, output impedance 600 ohms (3.5 mm connector)
<b>PWM Signal Output:</b>	$\text{Duty Cycle} = \frac{0.01 \times \text{dB Value}}{3.3} \times 100\% \text{ (3.5 mm connector)}$
<b>Calendar Accuracy:</b>	+/- 30 seconds per day
<b>Data Storage Quantity:</b>	4700 Points
<b>Auto Power Off:</b>	10 minutes of no activity
<b>Microphone Type:</b>	1/2-inch Condenser
<b>Power Supply:</b>	6V external or 4 AA alkaline battery
<b>Dimensions:</b>	2-3/4" W x 9-3/8" H x 1-3/8" D
<b>Product Weight:</b>	11 ounces (with batteries)
<b>Battery Life:</b>	10 hours continuous use (alkaline batteries)

## 2. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### Battery Installation:

1. Remove the battery door and insert 4 AA alkaline batteries into the battery compartment.
2. Replace the battery door.
3. When the battery voltage drops below the operating voltage, a Low Battery Indicator icon appears on the display. Replace the batteries in the SPLM with new batteries.



### Calibration:

**Please use typical 94 dB @ 1 kHz standard calibrator.**

1. Slide open Battery Door to access the Calibration Pot.
2. Setting on sound level meter:  
A = Frequency weighting;  
FAST = Time Weighting;  
Level range is 60 dB to 110 dB.
3. Insert SPLM into calibrator.
4. Adjust Calibration Pot until the display shows appropriate level  
(See Figure 1).

NOTE: The SPLM is calibrated prior to shipment. The recommended calibration cycle is one year.

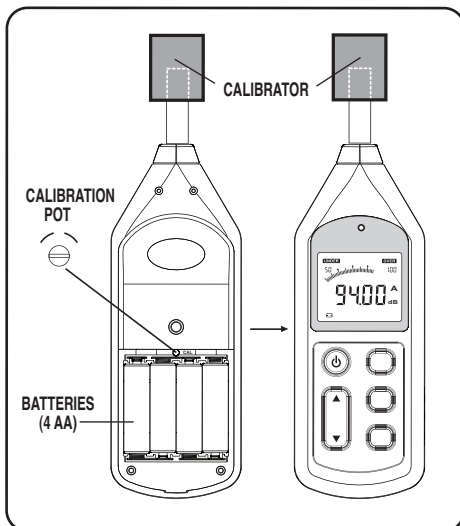


Figure 1



## Calendar Setting:

### Setting Date and Clock

Start with the SPLM Unit **OFF**.

1. While holding down the **MAX CLOCK** Button, turn the unit **ON** with the **POWER** button.
2. When the LCD screen flashes the first digit of the calendar year (see Figure 2), release the **MAX CLOCK** button. Press the **LEVEL UP** or **DOWN** button to adjust the date. After adjusting the first digit, press the **MAX CLOCK** button to adjust the next digit. Press **MAX CLOCK** to proceed through the date digits. To adjust the time, continue to follow these steps.
3. When complete, press the **MAX CLOCK** button once again to exit the calendar setting mode.

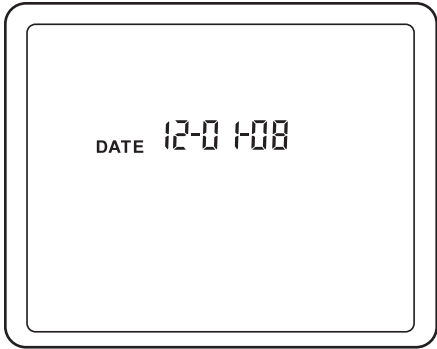
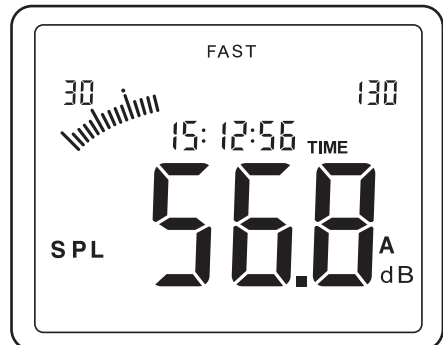
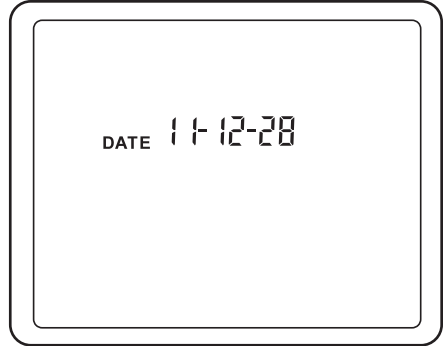


Figure 2

### Level Range Selection:

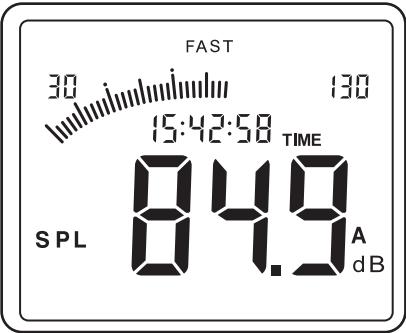
1. Press the **POWER** button to turn on the SPLM. The date will be displayed on the LCD screen for 2 seconds.
2. After 3 seconds, the screen enters the default measurement mode.



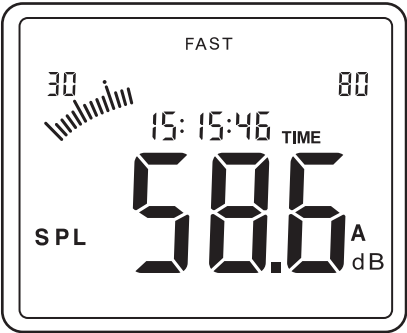
**Level Range Selection (cont'd):**

3. Press the **LEVEL UP** or **DOWN** button to select your desired measuring range: 30 to 130 (**default**), 30 to 80, 50 to 100, 60 to 110, or 80 to 130. The LCD screen displays will appear as shown here:

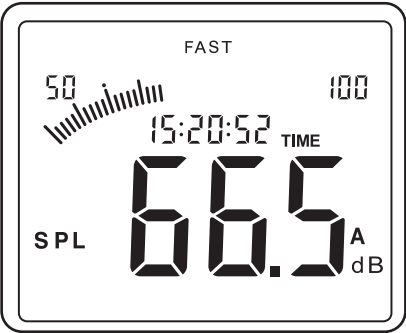
**30 – 130 (default)**



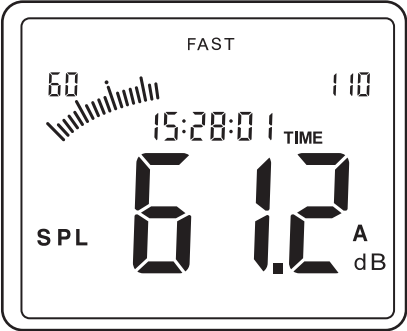
**30 – 80**



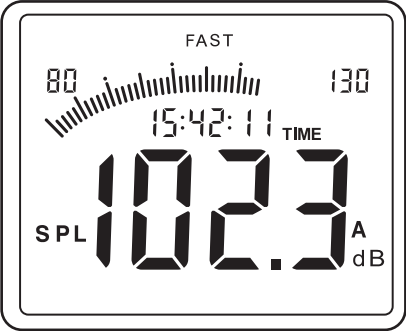
**50 – 100**



**60 – 110**

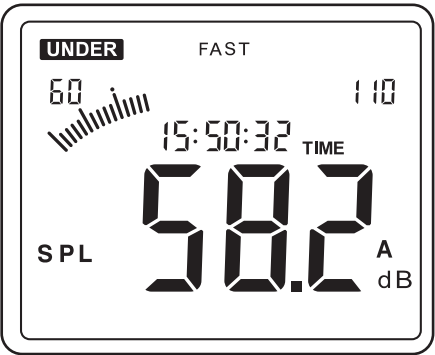


**80 – 130**

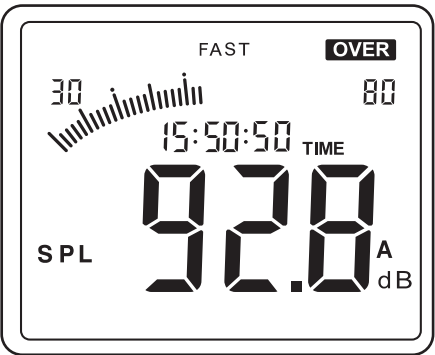


**Level Range Selection (cont'd):**

4. If the measuring range is higher than the actual SPL level, the LCD screen will display the **UNDER** icon. (For example, if the Level set is 60 to 110 but the actual sound level is lower than 60 dB.) Press the **LEVEL DOWN** button to lower the range until the **UNDER** icon disappears:

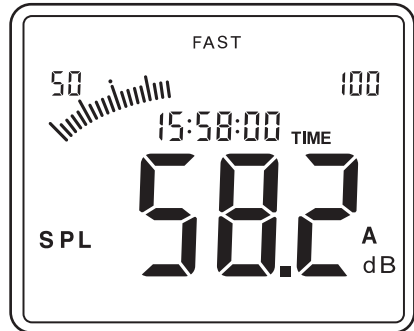


5. If the measuring range is lower than the actual SPL level, the LCD screen will display the **OVER** icon. (For example, if the Level set is 30 to 80 but the actual sound level is higher than 80 dB.) Press the **LEVEL UP** button to raise the range until the **OVER** icon disappears:



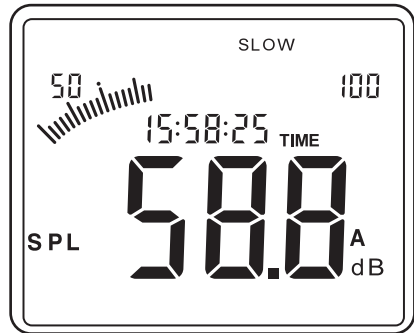
## Time Weighting Selection:

1. The default time weighting is **FAST** and the LCD screen display is:



2. Press the **F/S RECORD** button to **SLOW**. The LCD screen display changes to:

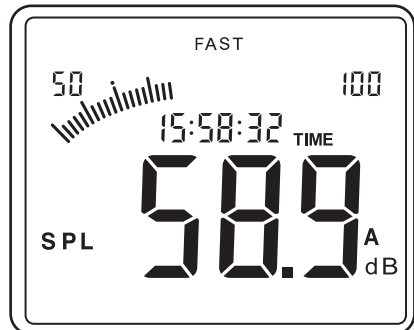
NOTE: Selecting SLOW will provide a 1 second averaged reading.



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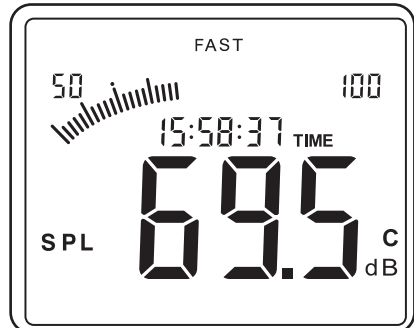
## Frequency Weighting Selection:

1. The default frequency weighting is **A** and the LCD screen display is:



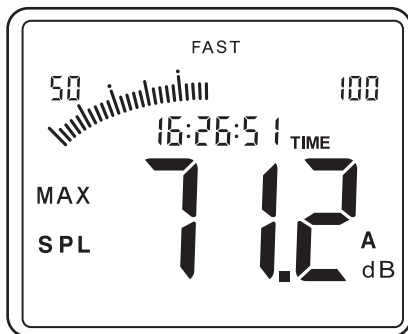
2. Press the **A/C CLEAR** button to change the frequency weighting to **C**. The LCD display changes to:

A Weighting is used for general sound level measurements. C Weighting includes the low-frequency content of noise.



## MAX Value Measurement:

1. During the measurement process, press the **MAX CLOCK** button to hold the maximum reading. The LCD displays as follows:
2. Press the **MAX CLOCK** button again to exit the maximum value measurement and return to the normal measurement mode.



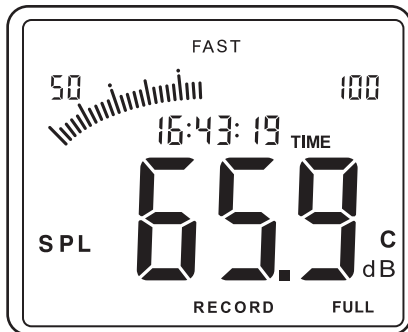
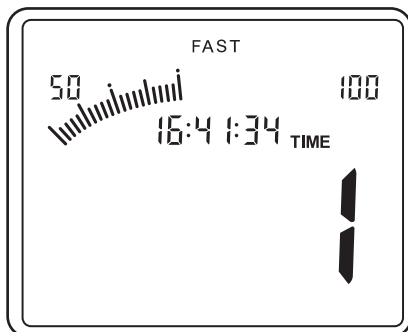
## Data Record:

1. Press and hold the **F/S RECORD** button until the Record interval is displayed. Press **LEVEL UP** or **DOWN** to adjust the record interval (in secs).

NOTE: The Maximum record interval is 250 seconds.

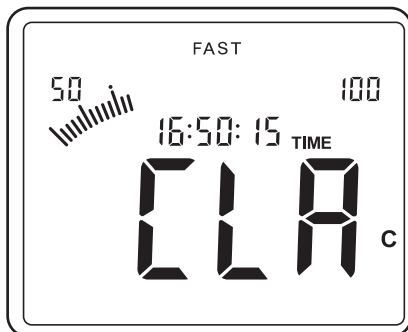
2. Press the **F/S RECORD** to enter data storage mode. Data will be logged on the set interval. The memory capacity is 4700 points. After recording 4700 points, the LCD display will indicate **FULL**. If data record is completed or full, press the **F/S RECORD** button again to exit the record mode. Then the flashing **RECORD** symbol will disappear.

NOTE: To review data, a PC with USB connection & SoundLab software is required.



## Data Clear:

1. Press and hold the **A/C CLEAR** button until the letters **CLA** appear on the screen. Recorded data will be deleted and the display will return to normal.

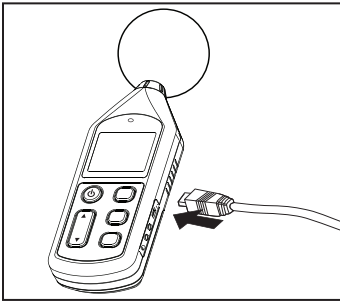


## PC Connection

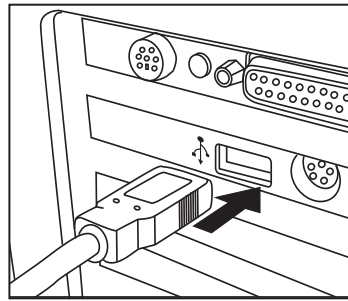
### Minimum requirements for connection with a PC:

- CPU: Pentium 600 MHz or higher
- One USB interface port
- Resolution of 800 x 600 (True Color)
- 8 MB available memory
- 50 MB available disk memory
- Operating system: Microsoft Windows XP/ Vista / Windows7

1. Insert one end of the USB cable into the USB jack on the side of the SPLM.



2. Plug the other end of the USB cable into the USB interface port on the PC.



NOTE: Once the connection is made, a USB icon appears on the LCD of the SPLM indicating a successful connection. If the icon does not appear, the connection is not complete.

When connected to the PC, the PC supplies power to the SPLM (so the AA batteries are not necessary and will not be used if in the unit when connected to the PC). When the connection to the PC is ended, the SPLM will turn off automatically as the power will no longer be supplied if no batteries are in the SPLM.

## Installing SoundLab Software

Visit the Bogen website ([www.bogen.com](http://www.bogen.com)) to download the current version of the SoundLab Software. Click the **Setup.exe** program to enter the installation contact interface.



## 3. IMPORTANT UNIT INFORMATION

### 1. Do not store or use the SPLM in the following conditions:

- Near rain, water, or dust filled environments
- Air with high salt or sulfur content
- Air with other gases or chemical materials
- High temperature or direct sunlight

### 2. Do not impact the SPLM directly.

### 3. Do not use the SPLM in humid conditions.

## Limited Warranty; Exclusion of Certain Damages

The Bogen **SPLM Digital Sound Pressure Level Meter** is warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship for one (1) year from the date of sale to the original purchaser. Any part of the product covered by this warranty that, with normal installation and use, becomes defective (as confirmed by Bogen upon inspection) during the applicable warranty period, will be repaired or replaced by Bogen, at Bogen's option, provided the product is shipped insured and prepaid to: Bogen Factory Service Department, 50 Spring Street, Ramsey, NJ 07446, USA. Repaired or replacement product will be returned to you freight prepaid. This warranty does not extend to any of our products that have been subjected to abuse, misuse, improper storage, neglect, accident, improper installation or have been modified or repaired or altered in any manner whatsoever, or where the serial number or date code has been removed or defaced.

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